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For: "PRODUCTION OF HIGH ACTIVE TO)
SUPER HIGH ACTIVE SURFACTANTS IN A)
VACUUM NEUTRALIZER")
Examiner: Bijan Ahvazi)
Group Art Unit: 1796)
Confirmation No. 2451)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Non-final Office Action mailed January 13, 2010, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Response on the merits. Applicants believe the Response filed herewith is timely filed within the statutory 1-month timeframe ending February 13, 2010. Since February 13, 2010, is a Saturday and Monday, February 15, 2010, is a federal holiday, this Response is timely filed on the next business day, Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

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